

In the Specification:

Please amend the third paragraph on page 12 of the specification as follows:

The bolt element itself is characterised in that the shaft portion is formed at its end remote from the head portion for the piercing of the sheet metal part. Particularly advantageous forms of the bolt element can be found in the claims 10 to 14, and the further claims 15 to 26 embrace the formation of the head portion of the bolt element which is to be riveted to the sheet metal part and correspond to claims 1 to 13 of the earlier German patent application P 44 10 475.8.